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FOR MR. RALPH SHANKMAN
ONE, BELLAIR DRIVE
MEMPHIS, TENN 38104
(901) 725-4031

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CDES, FW

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT WE MUST OFFICIALLY INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR WIFE, MRS. BARBARA SHANKMAN, ON AUGUST 18 AT APPROXIMATELY 10:00 P.M. MR. HOWARD FULENWIDER, YOUR BUSINESS PARTNER, WHO WAS AMONG THE PARTY TRAVELING WITH YOUR WIFE ON THE PRIVATE YACHT "BRANDWEN", INFORMED THE AMERICAN CONSULATE IN MARTINIQUE ON AUGUST 19 AT 10:00 A.M. OF HER DEATH, APPARENTLY FROM A HEART ATTACK, WHILE THE YACHT WAS FIVE HOURS FROM THE PORT OF POINTE-A-PITRE, GUADELOUPE, FRENCH WEST INDIES. MR. FULENWIDER SAID THAT HE HAD NOTIFIED A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OF YOUR WIFE'S DEATH RATHER THAN YOU DIRECTLY, FEELING THAT IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE IF YOU WERE INFORMED BY A FAMILY MEMBER.

2. MR. FULENWIDER HAD ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS TO MEMPHIS WHEN HE NOTIFIED THE CONSULATE THIS MORNING, AND HE ASSURED US THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS
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HE HAS MADE ARE THE ONES YOU WOULD PREFER AND ARE IN ACCORDANCE IWHT ORTHODOX JEWISH PRACTICES, INVOLVING NO REPEAT NO AUTOPSY OR EMBALMING. THE REMAINS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SHIPPED ABOARD AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 647 LEAVING GUADELOUPE AT 3:45 P.M. LOCAL TIME (1:45 P.M. MEMPHIS TIME

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AND ARRIVING AT KENNEDY AIRPORT, NEW YORK AT
8:00 P.M. NEW YORK TIME; TO CONTINUE ON DELTA
AIRLINES FLIGHT 197 LEAVING NEW YORK AT 9:30 P.M.
AND ARRIVING IN MEMPHIS AT 12:30 A.M. ON AUGUST 20.
ACCORDING TO MR. FULENWIDER, A MEMBER OF YOUR
FAMILY IS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH A MEMPHIS FUNERAL
HOME TO RECEIVE THE REMAINS. MR. FULENWIDER REPORTS
HE HAS ALREADY PAID FOR THE PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT
OF THE REMAINS ($1200) AND FOR THE FLIGHT FROM
GUADELOUPE TO NEW YORK (APPROX $300) AND SAYS THAT
THE COST FOR THE NEW YORK-MEMPHIS LEG WILL BE
CHARGED TO YOU. HE AND HIS PARTY WILL ACCOMPANY
THE REMAINS.

3. IT IS OUR OPINION THAT MR. FULENWIDER HAS ACTED
PROMPTLY AND PRUDENTLY. IF, HOWEVER, THE ARRANGEMENTS
HE HAS MADE ARE NOT SUITABLE TO YOU, PLEASE CONTACT
THE CONSULATE IMMEDIATELY BY OVERSEAS TELEPHONE CALL
TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS: 71-93-01 OR 71-58-74,
MARTINIQUE, FRENCH WEST INDIES.

4. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES (USUALLY SIX
TO EIGHT WEEKS), A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH
PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.
THIS DOCUMENT IS BASED ON THE FRENCH DEATH CERTIFICATE
AND CAN BE USED IN U.S. COURTS TO SETTLE ESTATE
MATTERS.
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5. MAY I EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU IN YOUR
BEREAVEMENT.ROBINSON

NOTE BY OC/T: PASSED ABOVE ADDRESSEE.

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